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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Cragg et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/782,534  
Filed : February 13, 2001  
For : APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A  
DISCECTOMY THROUGH A  
TRANS-SACRAL AXIAL BORE  
WITHIN THE VERTEBRAE OF THE  
SPINE  
Examiner : Kathryn Odland  
Group Art Unit : 3743

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Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement Mailed September 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2003. The Examiner has required restriction to one of twenty-four species:

*TASIF Rod Placement/Target Species*

- Species A: Figure 4
- Species B: Figure 5
- Species C: Figure 7
- Species D: Figure 9
- Species E: Figures 11-13
- Species F: Figure 14
- Species G: Figure 15
- Species H: Figure 16

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*Instrument Species*

- Species 1: Figure 17
- Species 2: Figure 18
- Species 3: Figures 19-21
- Species 4: Figures 22-24
- Species 5: Figures 25-27
- Species 6: Figures 28-30
- Species 7: Figures 31-33
- Species 8: Figures 34-36
- Species 9: Figures 37-40

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- Species 10: Figures 41-43
- Species 11: Figures 44-46
- Species 12: Figures 47-49
- Species 13: Figures 50-52
- Species 14: Figures 53-55
- Species 15: Figures 56-58
- Species 16: Figures 59-61

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.